

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
GREENVILLE DIVISION

Kevin Gilliard,	)	C/A No. 6:18-cv-02417-SAL-KFM
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b>OPINION &amp; ORDER</b>
	)	
Warden Joyner	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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This matter is before the Court for review of the January 17, 2020 Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Kevin McDonald (the “Report”), made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2)(c) (D.S.C.). [ECF No.77.] In the Report, the Magistrate Judge recommends denying Petitioner’s motion for judgment on the pleadings or for summary judgment, ECF No. 53. No party filed objections to the Report, and the time for response has lapsed.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility to make a final determination remains with this Court. *See Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270–71 (1976). The Court is charged with making a de novo determination of only those portions of the Report that have been specifically objected to, and the Court may accept, reject, or modify the Report, in whole or in part. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). In the absence of objections, the Court is not required to provide an explanation for adopting the Report and must “only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.” *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (citing Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee’s note).

After a thorough review of the Report, the applicable law, and the record of this case in accordance with the above standard, the Court finds no clear error, adopts the Report, and incorporates the Report by reference herein. Accordingly, Petitioner Kevin Gilliard's motion for judgment on the pleadings or for summary judgment, ECF No. 53, is **DENIED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

/s/ Sherri A. Lydon  
United States District Judge

March 2, 2020  
Florence, South Carolina